



April 18, 2011

The Honorable Governor Scott Walker  
Governor of the State of Wisconsin, USA

Dear Honorable Governor Walker,

First of all, on behalf of 6.2 million citizens in Chiba Prefecture, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to you for your letter of condolences and campaign launched by the First Lady and the Wisconsin-Chiba, Inc. to support Japan's relief effort.

More than one month has passed since the earthquake and tsunami on March 11<sup>th</sup>. We have suffered from huge damage here in Chiba; 18 deaths and many citizens lost their houses, though not as big as in northern part. We are making every effort for recovery so that citizens are able to get back to their normal life.

Your country ranks top among the approximately 130 countries which have helped us in terms of food, medical supplies, blankets, and water, as well as human resources. We know that U.S. soldiers and nuclear experts risk their lives joining with us in the tough fight against the invisible enemy of radioactivity.

Now, you have extended the hand of support to us on a state level as well. This goes to show an old saying, "a friend in need is a friend indeed, and I cannot express how grateful I am of you. I would like to let you know that we have made your Wisconsin-Chiba Japan Relief Project known to the people of Chiba, and Japan, through a press-release.

While our country has been hurt and is suffering, our friends give us support to overcome this tragedy, and both Japan and our friendship will come out stronger for it.

Yours sincerely,

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At present, earthquake damage in Chiba Prefecture is as follows:

(Casualties)

Deaths	18
Missing	2
Injured	225

(Damaged buildings)

Destroyed	649
Partially Destroyed	2,062
Damaged	16,335